

# Career and Technical Education Funding Policy for 2023-2024 School Year

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## **Purpose:**

To effectively obligate funds allocated to the Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) as a result of the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly to currently approved Career and Technical Education programs provided by Area Career and Technical Education Centers (CTE Centers) and High Schools, and to provide funding for transferring, new, expanding, and reinstated programs for the 2023-24 school year that meet the definition of size, scope, and quality as defined in the North Dakota Perkins V State Plan.

CTE Centers	A minimum of three occupational programs of career and technical education with attendance by three or more participating school districts. To receive funding, a CTE Center must have a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education. The Governing Board, indicated in the JPA, will assume governance responsibility, and hire a CTE Director, certified by the Department of Career and Technical Education.
High School	Must provide at least one career and technical education program to receive funding.

## **Existing Programs (Previously Approved)**

For the 2023-24 School Year, previously approved CTE Programs will be reimbursed based on the approved expenditures submitted for the 2022-23 fiscal year plus an increase of 4% if provided by a High School and 7% if provided by a CTE Center.

To be reimbursed, CTE State Program Supervisors must ensure programs meet the definition of size, scope, and quality as defined in the North Dakota Perkins V State Plan and State Vision Visit results. Program supervisors will notify the Administrative Team which programs are eligible for funding.

High Schools and CTE Centers will not be funded for programs that cease to be provided. Any program that has a gap in providing, i.e., provided in 2021-22 but not 2022-23, may apply as a reinstated program and will be reimbursed at the existing program reimbursement rate based on the budget provided. Program reimbursement will be prorated, if courses provided are reduced, but still meet program quality requirements, according to size, scope, and quality as defined in the North Dakota Perkins V State Plan and State Vision Visit results.

High Schools and CTE Centers shall report to the Department by July 15, 2024, how the funds were used. This will be completed utilizing the Annual Expenditure Report. A desk audit of 10% of all programs and recipients will be conducted annually, based on an agency risk assessment.

## **Transferring, New, Expanding and Reinstated Programs**

### **Definitions:**

<b>Transferring</b>	Approved CTE program(s) transferring from a High School to a CTE Center.
<b>New</b>	CTE program(s) not previously provided by a High School or CTE Center.
<b>Expanding</b>	A CTE program that is increasing access through additional courses provided, course sections and/or staffing.
<b>Reinstated</b>	A CTE program that had a gap in providing instruction for more than one year.

High Schools and CTE Centers providing transferring, new, expanding, and reinstated programs shall apply for approval to the Department of Career and Technical Education. Once approved, transferring, new, expanding, and reinstated programs shall submit all required documentation to verify reimbursement amounts for the first year of providing programming. Documentation includes receipts, teacher contracts, etc. Approved expenses are depicted as follows:

CTE Center	Approved salaries; fringe benefits; and supplies which may include curriculum, equipment, or lease of facilities that would facilitate the delivery of the CTE program. Approved equipment as a part of the Career and Technical Education Capital Project Program is excluded from this policy.
High School	Approved salary and travel

### **Transferring Program Funding Rate**

Transferring CTE program(s) will be reimbursed 40% of all approved CTE program costs.

### **New Program Funding Rate**

New CTE program(s) will be reimbursed 75% of all approved costs for the first year of implementation if provided by a CTE Center and 50% for the first year of implementation if provided by a High School. The reimbursement rate will be adjusted to the State Board for Career and Technical Education approved reimbursement rate in year two.

A sustainability plan for each program must be submitted to be an approved program.

### **Expanding Program Funding Rate**

Expanding CTE program(s) will be reimbursed 27% of salary and 30% of approved travel if provided by a High School and 40% of all approved costs if provided by a CTE Center.

### **Reinstated Program Funding Rate**

Reinstated CTE program(s) will be reimbursed 27% of salary and 30% of approved travel if provided by a High School and 40% of all approved costs if provided by a CTE Center.

## **Transferring, Expanding and Reinstated Family & Consumer Sciences, Technology & Engineering Education, and Career Development Programs**

These programs will be reimbursed as follows:

Family & Consumer Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 19% Reimbursement on Instructional Salaries and Extended Contracts</li><li>• 30% Reimbursement on Approved Travel</li><li>• No state Reimbursement on Equipment</li><li>• Current Reimbursement is for grades 9-12 only</li></ul>
Technology & Engineering Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 27% Reimbursement on Instructional Salaries and Extended Contracts<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ (Engineering by Design and Project Lead the Way programs only in grades 9-12)</li></ul></li><li>• 30% Reimbursement for Approved Travel</li><li>• 40% Reimbursement on Equipment in grades 7 and 8 only</li></ul>
Career Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 35% Reimbursement on Salaries and Extended Contracts</li><li>• 30% Reimbursement on Travel</li></ul>

*This policy will expire on June 30, 2024. Reimbursement of existing, transferring, new, expanding, and reinstated CTE programs is dependent upon the availability of sufficient funds.*